

CLAIMS

We claim:

1. A sliding tarp assembly comprising:
a sheet of material; and
a plurality of sliding members coupled to extend from a face
of said sheet of material for forming a grid of sliding members
whereby said sheet of material is adapted for facilitating sliding an
item placed on said sheet of material on a support surface when
said sliding members are positioned to contact the support surface.
2. The sliding tarp assembly of claim 1 wherein said plurality
of sliding members includes a first set of sliding members and a
second set of sliding members, each sliding member of said first set
of sliding members being larger than each sliding member of said
second set of sliding members.
3. The sliding tarp assembly of claim 2 wherein said first set
of sliding members are positioned in a central portion of said face
of said sheet of material.
4. The sliding tarp assembly of claim 2 wherein said second
set of sliding members are positioned on outer portions of said face
of said sheet of material.
5. The sliding tarp assembly of claim 1, further comprising:
a plurality of straps coupled to said sheet of material for
facilitating securing of said sheet of material around an item
positioned on said sheet of material.

6. The sliding tarp assembly of claim 5 wherein each of said plurality of straps is coupled to a perimeter edge of said sheet of material.

7. The sliding tarp assembly of claim 1, further comprising: said sheet of material having a plurality of cutout portions, said cutout portions being positioned proximate to a perimeter edge of said sheet of material for forming a plurality of handles to facilitate manipulation of said sheet of material.

8. The sliding tarp assembly of claim 1, further comprising: a plurality of handles coupled to said sheet of material for facilitating manipulation of said sheet of material.

9. The sliding tarp assembly of claim 8 wherein said handles are integrally formed in said sheet of material by a plurality of cutouts in said sheet of material.

10. The sliding tarp assembly of claim 1 wherein each sliding member has a convex outer surface for facilitating sliding of said sliding members on the support surface.

11. The sliding tarp assembly of claim 1 wherein each of said sliding members has a coating for reducing friction between said sliding members and the support surface.

12. The sliding tarp assembly of claim 11 wherein said coating is tetrafluoroethylene.

13. The sliding tarp assembly of claim 1 wherein said sheet of material has a generally rectangular main portion and an extension portion for facilitating grasping of said sheet of material while said main portion remains positioned adjacent the support surface.

14. The sliding tarp assembly of claim 13 wherein said extension portion has a rounded outer edge such that a medial portion of said extension portion has a length greater than a length of side portions of said extension portion.

15. The sliding tarp assembly of claim 14, further comprising:

at least one handle coupled to said extension portion.

16. The sliding tarp assembly of claim 13, further comprising:

a handle integrally formed in said extension portion, said handle being aligned with a center of said outer edge of said extension portion.

17. The sliding tarp assembly of claim 13, further comprising:

a pair of handles integrally formed in said extension portion, said handles being symmetrically aligned on opposite sides of a center of said outer edge of said extension portion.